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Dust Detectives Mystery 5:

Coughed in the loft

POP'S HAYLOFT, that is. It's so-o-o hot up here right now. Maybe the humidity is keeping dust in our throats. Fresh air can't reach the top of this old barn. Thom has allergies, and certain things bother his breathing. Dander is the worst, although no livestock has been in here for ages.

As older sister (by six minutes), I start looking around for any evidence of animals. Thom keeps wiping his nose on his rolled-up sleeves. He's wearing an oversized shirt today, open like a jacket. Pops had two red-black favourites, and gave one to Thom. Like great-grandfather, like great-grandson, lol. They're similar in other ways too. Both like card tricks. Both are left-handed. Both love molasses with their toutons. I desperately *hate* molasses.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Though his eyes sting, Thom finally sees what might be making him cough. Tucked into a wooden sap bucket is a pair of very furry mittens. They don't exactly seem vintage, but they're definitely handmade, sewn together from pieces of animal skin. Thom points, and makes me pick them up.

We both know Pops carried on hunting when he first arrived from Newfoundland. Most country people needed animals back then. Fur can last a long time, but these mitts look barely worn. Are they actual antiques? They'd fit larger hands than ours. Why would Pops keep, but never use them? That seems wasteful. I finish speculating and tell my brother how I hate the thought of killing anything.

I know that about you, Thom replies. *Hunting is still a way of life. It's been like that since people began. I appreciate when the whole animal is useful. These mitts probably came from something that was also food. Pops will explain. But I sure hope he doesn't give us that nasty Labrador tea again…*

We climb nervously back down the hayloft ladder, mitts in my hand. We always look forward to Pop's tea-and-cookies storytelling. We find him dozing on the porch daybed. A sunbeam blasts his ice-blue eyes, and he giggles like a kid.

My daring Dust Detectives! He rises slowly. *What have you brought me today?* He notices the mitts and sits back down. *Ah. Those. I know them well. What do you think* ***you*** *might know?*

I answer while Thom sneezes: *We think they're handmade, new, and hardly worn.*

Pops gets up again and fills the kettle. We hold our breaths. We didn't have the heart yesterday to tell him we hated his latest tea. He begins:

Father sewed those for my mother when she couldn't walk any more but wanted to sit outdoors while he worked. Dad found a coyote caught up in his chicken fence. He hated wasting anything. Those mittens are too small for me, but still precious. I doubt anybody else around here would wear them. And I don't think anyone in these parts would drink that tree-flavoured Labrador stuff either!

So, SURPRISE! We're back to regular Red Rose tea today, with fresh homemade double-molasses cookies!

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Our second read-aloud newspaper series for today's kids investigates and honours the generations before them. Past lifetimes were as meaningful then as our current realities are to us. Kids everywhere are naturally curious, and they love a good historical mystery. Everyone does!

Artifacts are not always recognizable to newer generations. In this series, twin detectives (you might recognize them from Series 1), apply their former teacher's learning approach to examine their great-grandfather's antique collection. There's a real photo every time, questions, speculation, informed answers, and hopefully, revived knowledge around what was once very important to our elders. Enjoy!

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Sunset by Tammy Nash

The one that got away

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

I THINK every angler will concede that the biggest fish they have ever hooked was the one that got away. The ones that got away are always everyone's biggest fish.

Not to brag but I have personally hooked several Ontario, and possibly world-record fish – and every one of them got away. I'm not sure why that is, but I just know that's what always happens.

How do I know this?

Well, there are anglers who specialize in big bass. Then there are those who have expertise in catching walleye. There are trout savants and muskie masters too. There are even the panfish pundits. As for me, I just happen to be the world's foremost authority on the one that got away. I have hooked and lost hundreds of them.

Of course, it wasn't always like this. In the early days, before I was as adept at angling as I am now, they never used to get away. It was not my fault. I just didn't know any better.

Fortunately, as I learned more about fishing techniques and how to fight fish, I soon got better at targeting the ones that got away. And I have been perfecting my lack of technique on these elusive fish ever since.

That's not to say losing a fish is easy. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, anyone can hook the one the got away. But keeping them away can be a problem unless you know what not to do, and then do it. All it takes is one or two right moves before a huge one that got aways does not.

If that happens, you then have to deal with the bitter reality of having an average, non-bragging sized fish at the side of your boat, instead of a huge one that got away.

I'm not saying I don't mess up like that every now and then. Heck, as much as I'm loathe to admit it, I've accidentally fished correctly on occasion. Having said that, as I become a more experienced angler, and a less enthusiastic filleter, a higher percentage of my catch gets away.

Some people call that regression, but I would argue it's merely an advanced form of catch and release. Honestly, it's conservation at its finest.

Right now, you are probably wondering how do I do this so consistently? What's my secret? I could tell you, but that would be like getting a painting lesson from Rembrandt or Van Gogh. So, let's just say I have a knack.

It's not just about a weak hookset, dull hooks, bad knots, or frayed lines. No

sir, when I am at my best, I have a gift for pulling a hook right out of a fish's mouth. Call it a sixth sense.

Let me just add, that there is one other important thing to know if you are going to consistently be able to brag about the one that got away.

So here it is. The biggest hint I can offer you on the matter is to let your line go slack at just the right time in the fight. Unfortunately, this is also the one skill that you must learn for yourself, because no one else can really show you how.

I know, it sounds easy. But, between us, it's something that cannot be taut.

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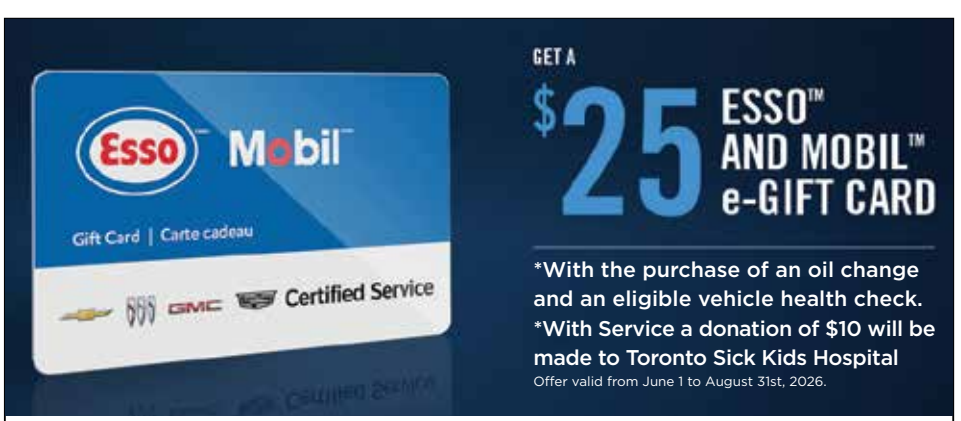

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From Great Big Sea to small town halls; Séan McCann comes to town

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

Great Big Sea co-founder and guitarist Séan McCann has entered a new stage of life, focusing on small towns across Ontario. The musician will be coming to Haliburton on Sept. 4. /photo by Valerie Leduc

Séan McCann knew when it was time to get off the bus.

For the former Great Big Sea guitarist, life on the road wasn't always everything it's cracked up to be. "I loved the band, loved the music, but the lifestyle that went with it, that wasn't an act," said McCann, "and in 2011, I quit alcohol and quit drugs."

With a newly-sober lifestyle underway, being a part of a party band with a wealth of drinking songs became difficult. While the band had released 14 albums and been nominated for countless awards, after 20 years of playing together, McCann knew it was time for a fresh start.

Moving to the Ottawa area, the musician now focuses on solo tours, reconnecting with his roots in the music industry. Having been raised in the small town of Gull Island, Newfoundland, McCann relishes in his return to rural community hubs.

"I was born in a small town just like Haliburton," he said. "I speak the language of a small town."

With grand tours and festival performances no longer appealing to the seasoned musician, McCann specifically seeks out churches and community centres for his sets. "I'm not a religious person," he said, "but there's something special about playing in a space that's meant for music. So that became my business model."

McCann now dedicates his career to exploring small communities across Ontario. "A great show for me is 100 people," he said. "In this age of division we live in, it's kind of powerful to gather 100 people in a room. It's an act of rebellion, a form of resistance."

While McCann shared that he does not consider himself particularly aligned with any one political party, he deeply believes in empathy, and leaving a better world for our children. "I will call out what I see as wrong," he said, "but we've got to rise above politics, because politics can be the problem."

McCann recently released his newest album, entitled *Sink or Swim*. His press page features a blurb on the recent release:

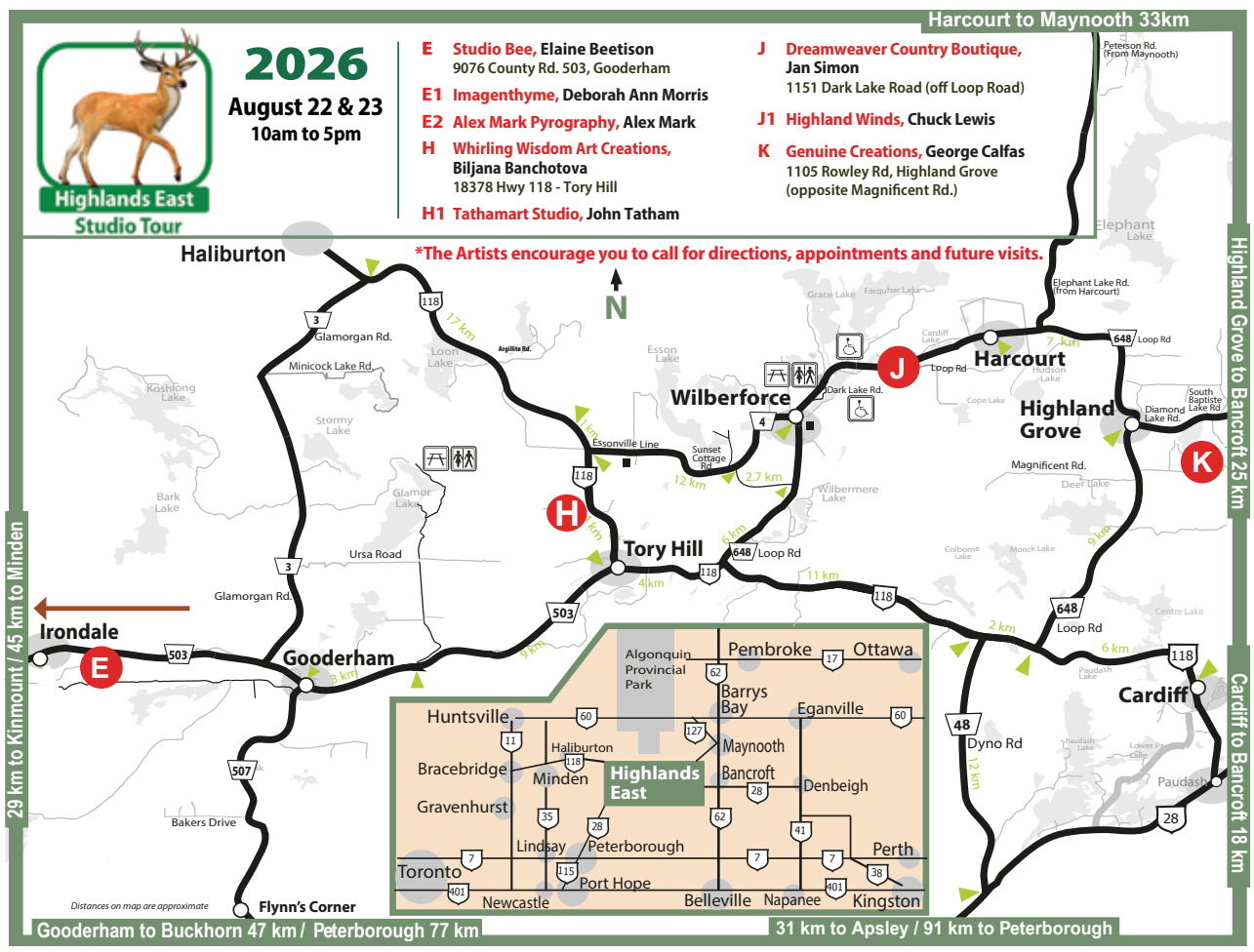
Between constant noise, relentless headlines, and the pressure to keep moving without pause, Sink or Swim asks a simple but vital question: how do we stay afloat when the world feels louder, faster and heavier by the day. Armed with his guitar, and an unwavering commitment to truth, Séan invites audiences into a shared space of reflection, resilience, and release - where singing isn't optional, it's essential.

The musician tours solo, but through that, he notes that it offers an opportunity to audience members to get involved with his various sets, which pull from both his solo repertoire, as well as some classic fan-favourites from his Great Big Sea days. "I see what's in front of me, and I learn to listen and react," said McCann, "the whole point is to lift spirits, my own included."

Joe Strummer, the frontman for the Clash, uttered the famous quote; "The future is unwritten". McCann cites that line as one of his inspirations, with a hope for optimism and unity on the horizon. "The future may be unwritten," he said, "but we have the pen."

Séan McCann will be playing at the Haliburton United Church on Friday, Sept. 4. Tickets can be purchased through McCann's website at www.seanmccannsings.com.

"These are songs about the undertow, and what we do to resist it, "said McCann. "About finding your breath when everything feels urgent. About choosing presence over panic, connection over isolation, and humanity over noise. Come as you are. Leave a little lighter. The choice is yours: *Sink or Swim*."



Writing on the Senior Side

Summer childhood stories

GAIL STELTER
County Life Contributor

Childhood summertime fun time is the seed of lifelong memories. Don't lose those memories. Keep them sprouting and growing. Record a few, write a few. Meet with friends and family and share the moments from your childhood and teen years that shaped who you are today. Our thoughts and adventures of years gone by are the threads by which we have woven the fabric of our lives. The world may tell us that we are ordinary, of little importance, and to the world that may be true, but our everyday stories are unique, and together we can create the most authentic record of the times in which we lived. We need to share our stories with our children and grandchildren, with other seniors for whom they will resonate, and with all who may be interested in knowing our challenges, adventures, happy and sad loves and relationships. Never underestimate the power of your personal stories.

In my last edition of *Writing on the Senior Side*, I reminisced about the summer of my teen years through my songs of the 60s. Today, I invite you into a short summer reminiscence from those same years.

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Beaches, Pools and Lakes is taken from my book: *21 Smithfield Drive - Family Stories*

In Canada, during the 1920s, luxury hotels began to install glamorous swimming pools for the enjoyment of their guests. To this day, it is possible to have the pleasure of swimming a few laps while appreciating the marvels of architecture and design of both the Château Laurier pool, built in 1928 and the Banff Springs Hotel pool, constructed in 1930. I have never seen either of these pools, but I think that might be fun. I also read that it was only with the proliferation in demand for the construction

The only family childhood picture I have of my mom, dad, brother and me was taken at Innisfil Beach on Lake Simcoe. /submitted

of privately owned backyard outdoor pools in the 1950s that the Canadian industry rose to prominence. I didn't know any family in the 1950s who had a backyard pool. There certainly weren't any on Smithfield Drive. I had never even heard of anyone who had a pool. Backyard pools were for the rich and didn't happen in my Baby Boomer suburb.

We were the beach generation. My earliest recollection was when I was four years old, and my mom took me on the Long Branch Streetcar to New Toronto. We walked behind some stores, and magically, the beach appeared. We played in the sand, sat in the water and pretended to swim. My mom didn't know how to swim and was very cautious with me.

Another beach outing happened several times over my childhood years, and I smile when I think of it.

"Gates, the ferry boat whistle is going to blow."

"Okay, Mom, I'm ready. I won't be afraid."

But I was never ready. Every time that boat whistle blew, I jumped a foot in the air. Once the whistle was over, I loved the ride, and the beach at Centre Island was perfect.

Our family's favourite beach was Innisfil Beach on Lake Simcoe. This was a car trip, a picnic, and a day that lasted into the evening. We sang songs in the car, including *Irene Goodnight, Sweet Rosie O'Grady, The Tennessee Waltz, On Top of Old Smokey* and *Found a Peanut*. We took pictures, and that didn't happen often. The only family childhood picture I have of my mom, dad, brother and me was taken there. Perhaps that is why I love this memory.

Beaches were part of cottaging. We rented a cottage near Minden. I taught myself how to swim. I was embarrassed to be the only kid my age who didn't know how to swim. My great accomplishment was to be able to join the other kids on the floating dock.

Boomer kids were very independent and braved the neighbourhood outdoor pools. Sunnyside and Tenth Street pools were cold water right out of Lake Ontario. Sunnyside had a beach, but that cold water and the smell of dead fish made the beach fine for lying in the sun, but not for swimming. Sunnyside was the home of my bellyflops as I taught myself to dive. It took many attempts, but I finally did it. Again, I was the only kid my age who didn't know how to dive. Success is sweet when you work hard for it.

The Etobicoke indoor pool on Montgomery Road felt like a second home throughout high school. I taught swimming every Thursday night at the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Swim Club. I taught little ones to put their faces in the water, blow bubbles and float on their fronts and backs. The children were sweet. The swimming was fun, and teaching was a joy.

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After reading this story, you are probably not surprised that I love swimming and my home in the Haliburton Highlands is perfect for me, especially with this hot summer and long swims every day. Being the only kid my age who did not know how to swim, and my determination to teach myself, made me a lifelong lover of swimming. Teaching little children to swim evolved into becoming a camp counsellor and a playground leader, both of which are the topics of additional summer stories in my book.

21 Smithfield Drive ~ Family Stories is available at the Haliburton County Public Library and at Master's Book Store for those of you who may wish to read more. Enjoy your summertime fun and the stories it brings, and remember the joys of summer fun from long ago. Was there a beach, a pool or a lake that is forever part of your summer story?

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Days gone by

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

I WAS lucky enough last week to sit down with a few individuals who have called the Haliburton Highlands 'home' their whole lives.

While I myself have been a lifer, I lack the decades of experience and moments that these two had seen before my time.

And we spent the majority of our time together analyzing a single photograph. As we wandered our way through the image, taken in the middle of the road, we stopped in each and every little shop in downtown Haliburton.

The butcher, the hardware store, IGA, the Bank of Montreal, Bernstein's. We narrowed down the year to sometime in the later 1960s, based on the license plates and clothing styles.

Every week in the *Haliburton Echo* and *the Minden Times*, we run a Pic of the Past; a tribute to days gone by, taken from submitted photos or our wealth of archives that have been accumulating since the 1800s.

I asked my visitors if I could use the image in next week's Pic of the Past, to which one responded with, "oh yeah, unless you think people are getting bored of these pictures."

To that I ask, how could you ever be bored of history? While I recognize that they are the days of the past, and many like to face forward instead of backwards, these images, these shops, these people, these stories, they're the building blocks of today.

And how is that possibly boring?

These are the stories worth sharing.

Sometimes people ask how we fill our papers in the summer months. With school out and council meetings on hold until the fall, there aren't always those traditional 'news' items we cover during the majority of the year.

But to me, this is our time to shine. In the past few weeks, we've done stories on families who immigrated to the community in the 1920s, a history of the Reid House that carried generations of Reids before being converted to a museum. We've written about businesses that started 40, 50, 60, 70, and 80 years ago in our little town. We've run black and white photos where people can identify grandparents and uncles, school houses and cottages.

We've told the stories of our town.

News these days is fast. It's clickbait driven and designed to be consumed in mass amounts.

And while I've written the stories of days gone by, I've questioned whether I am doing what a "news"paper is supposed to do. Am I forgetting what my job is, and getting whisked away in stories of the past?

And after a lot of thought, I realized that this is exactly what a newspaper is supposed to do. It's not all news and headlines, council meetings and events.

It's photos that show faces of those who walked before us, it's stories that were once told only around campfires, shared and inked for generations to come.

And if I've learned anything from diving into these days gone by, it's that we need to take photos. Not just for events, not just for parties and celebrations and anniversaries.

Every single day.

So that years from now, we have a photo of our main street, and I can point out the Kosy Korner and Country Pickens. McKecks and Foodland, Glecoff's and Master's.

I'll hold a photo to a spritely young editor, and wander our way through the image.

Sharing the stories, of days gone by.

Top 10 reasons why dining out is not as fun as it once was

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

I'M NOT the kind of person who dines out a lot, but I have been doing so recently. Which is why I have noticed that dining out isn't as fun as it used to be. Here are my top 10 reasons why:

1. Food fights are apparently no longer fashionable.
2. Waiters just "assumed you needed a high chair."
3. Now considered "too big" to use the bouncy castle.
4. Friends now make sure you have not "forgot" your wallet before you order.
5. Modern tipping calls on long-forgotten math skills.
6. You'd think in a fancy restaurant like this, the peanut butter and jam selection would be better.
7. Wait staff now always remembers you claimed to have a birthday two weeks ago.
8. Wife and friends don't consider drive-through option a fine dining experience.
9. The sommelier is on to you.
10. Suddenly, you're expected to know which fork to use.

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Turtles

Tail swaying, talons clawing their way through the wall of water,
that envelops the giant turtle in silence as it swims beneath the rumpled surface of the pond,
pillows of cotton clouds billowing up in Sky, their reflections wobbling on the water,
as Wind ripples through the willows and reeds, I listen to the rustling, green spines bending, surrendering to Wind,
as I watch the old snapping turtle swim, its strokes, soundless, as it paddles through the water,
its shell and tail coated in green sludge, thick as moss cloaking boulders in the forest, the turtle swimming solo,
the water cradling the weight of its shell, as painted turtles, small as the palm of my hand paddle past it and around it,
one of them trying to clamber onto the back of its shell, the giant turtle shooing it away with one of its claws,
without snapping at it, continuing along on its afternoon swim, undeterred by the painted turtles bothering it,
like children seeking a parent's attention, the littlest turtle swimming beneath the roof of its shell,
emerging on the other side, another painted turtle paddling with its flippers directly in front of it,
blocking the path of its swim, but the giant turtle's talons keep pawing through the water,
the small turtle wanting to play, its tail swaying beneath the water like the reeds growing along the edge of the pond,
the turtles deaf to the sound of Wind slinking through the willows and rustling in the reeds,
immersed in the silent world of water that holds them and the fish they share the pond with,
swimming in the depths without disturbing them,
the giant turtle turning around to swim back towards the edge of the pond,
where it lives in the murky depths beneath a wooden deck, where strangers stand, watching,
bending their spines over the railing, like the reeds that flank the bank of the pond,
waiting for one of the three giant turtles to emerge,
to watch the cluster of painted turtles flipper their way through the water,
playing with one another, carefree, like children beneath summer Sun, swimming around the giant turtle that shoos
them away, forging its own path through the water,
swimming solo in the pond that's been its Home for longer than any of the strangers watching, have been Alive, making its way with its siblings from the sand
or patch of land where it hatched, towards the pond,
waiting to cradle it as it learned how to swim and survive,
growing up and growing old, the pond weathering the seasons along with it, through storm and ice and sludge
cloaking its surface, the newborn turtles crossing the road, seeking sanctuary and finding Home in the silence of its depths,
the old snapping turtle pausing in its midday swim to raise its wrinkled head out of the water and breathe Air warmed by Sun, feeling breeze tickle the folds in its neck, before sinking its head back under again,
to paddle with its talons through the silence of water, the painted turtles surrounding it,
maybe as entranced as the strangers watching from the deck, waiting for the sludge-covered turtle to swim closer,
to raise its head one last time and lock eyes with them, feeling healing in the turtle's gaze, that pierces the shell of their flesh,
before the tip of its tail disappears into the murky depths beneath the deck, where two other giant turtles lurk, waiting to welcome it Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

Glimpses of the past

Miners' Bay "In The News"
Evening Telegram – 1936

THIS IMAGE is taken from a 10" x 17" framed copy of *The Evening Telegram* of Friday, June 19, 1936. The artifact was kindly donated some years ago, by MBL guest, Gary Lane.

Page # 8 of that edition, featured Haliburton County. Titled: "Haliburton Offers Unlimited Possibilities for the Vacationist", it provided seven views from across the area. Interestingly, two of them are from Gull Lake.

RUSS WUNKER
Glimpses of the Past

THE EVENING TELEGRAM, TORONTO, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1936

Haliburton Offers Unlimited Possibilities for the Vacationist

In the bottom row, the third photo from the left shows: "The main lodge at Deep Bay Inn on Gull Lake, near Minden. "Ernie" Windover's resort is internationally known to fishermen". Reference is also made to another photo, presumably of fishermen, and a catch, which is not in the framed display. The Windover family were early tourist operators on the lake.

The image at the top right depicts a scene closer to MBL. "For scenic highways there are few places equal to Haliburton County. This is a view at Miner's Bay, a step from the Bay View Hotel, familiar for years to travellers in the district". The Wunker family purchased the Bay View Hotel in 1938.

Naturally Yours

Photos by Rick Whiteker

Silent Lake

FINDING PUBLIC hiking opportunities in Highlands East takes more work than other parts of the Haliburton Highlands. However, nestled in and surrounded by Crown land, Silent Lake Provincial Park a natural destination for those interested in camping and self-propelled outdoor experiences. Silent Lake encapsulates all the beauty of Highlands East in one 1,450-hectare package.

South-west of Cardiff, on Highway 28, Silent Lake Provincial Park has something for everyone. Seventeen kilometers of hiking trails, nineteen kilometers of mountain bike trails all situated around or near the 2.5 kilometer long Silent Lake. The park does not allow motorized use (gas or electric) on the lake and if it wasn't for the squeals of joy of young family members enjoying their sandy beach swimming, this lake would be truly silent.

RICK WHITTEKER
Naturally Yours

I decided to try one of the hiking trails in the park called Bonnie's Pond Trail. Named after a horse named Bonnie who lost her life when she broke through the ice while skidding logs in the mid-1800s, this three-kilometer trail begins with a mixed forest which was full of bird song in the cool, summer morning air in July. Oblivious to the name of the park, "seldom seen but always heard" is a good way to describe the songbird filling the treetops with a repetitive melody. Gleaning invertebrates from the underside of leaves, this olive green and white bird blends in with the leafed-out canopy. However, their brief but incessant robin-like song can be heard all day long. One researcher recorded a male red-eyed vireo singing over 22,000 times in ten hours from dawn to dusk.

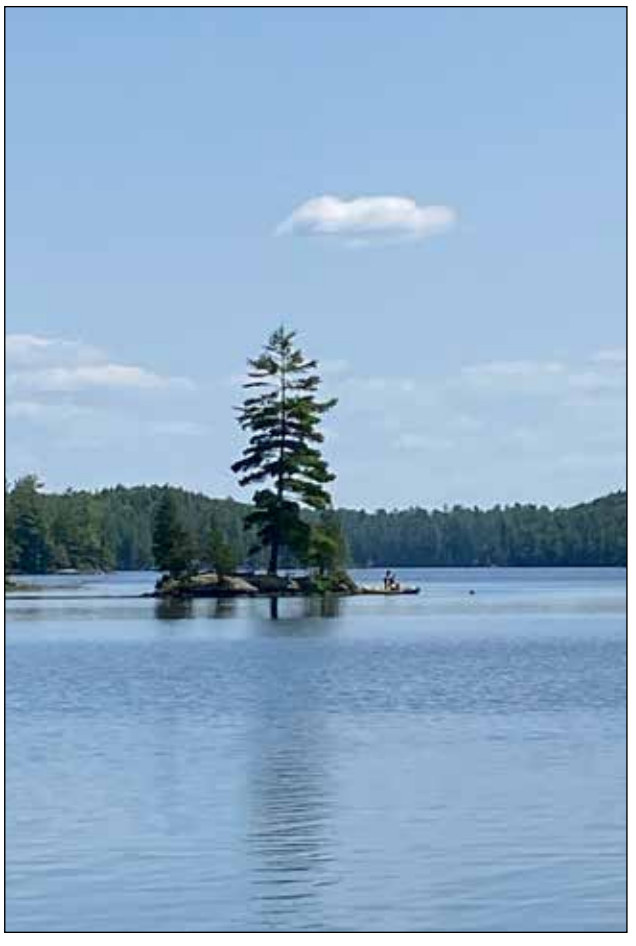
The trail soon drops down into a pine and hemlock dominated forest. Vibrant green patches of the delicate looking northern lady fern stand out is the shady, needle-covered forest floor. Ferns deserve great reverence as they predate flowering plants and, like mushrooms, they use single celled spores to reproduce. Once monstrous, tree sized plants, as the earth cooled, giant ferns perished in temperate regions – the only surviving ferns in these regions were those who buried their trunks underground as woody stems, called rhizomes.

A short boardwalk onto a small, treed peninsula in Bonnie's Pond allows hikers to get a good look at this sprawling marsh. Small lily pads cluster together covering the open water with a quilt of greens and yellows. Always on the lookout for movement, a northern pearly-eye butterfly fluttered by but remained still long enough at the water's edge for me to be able to identify it through my iNaturalist app.

Soon after leaving the marsh area, a shallow wetland appeared. Searching for salamander larva and other aquatic life, I heard a common summer wetland sound. Winning the "most banal common name award", a green frog barked out its characteristic loose banjo string call.

About halfway through the hike, a trail sign appeared directing hikers to a scenic lookout. Some folks may think twice about adding a 300-metre one way detour to their trek. Don't – this vista is worth the walk. Above one of the many small bays on Silent Lake, a viewpoint with a comfy bench rests on a rocky ledge. With forests on either side, two kayakers silently paddled by in the distance providing a naturally framed, tranquil snapshot of Silent Lake.

The Lakehead Loop and Lakeshore Hiking Trail are two more hikes that can be done at the park, the former being a short saunter, the later being a fifteen-kilometer loop around the undeveloped shoreline of Silent Lake. I did this hike several years ago – a full day, rugged hike with some wonderful vistas over the lake. Only closed in April, Silent Lake offers extensive Nordic skiing on groomed trails and heated camp cabins in the winter including the popular soft-sided yurts on platforms.



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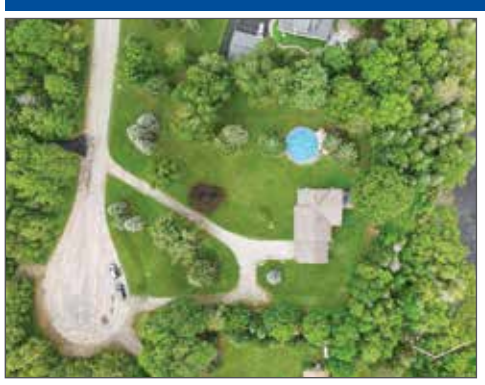

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Hospital levy could pay for expansion plans

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

At Haliburton County taxpayers could be required to put a one-time levy of $100 to raise funds for planned hospital expansion projects, under a proposal to be discussed by county council.

County Warden Murray Toomey said he will ask council here to consider bringing in the mandatory hospital tax to avoid borrowing the $2 million needed to cover the county's portion of the bill to upgrade Ryerson Crest and expand Haliburton Hospital.

"There may be an easier way to do this and there may be we will to do it, but it seems to me a sensible business option to raise the money," he said.

The province has agreed to pick up two-thirds of the $10.6-million cost of adding 30 hospital care beds at Haliburton Hospital and upgrading Ryerson Crest to prevent building mate-

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MAKING HER OWN FUN: While her dad and mom, Robert and Molly, try to watch the swim events at the Haliburton Lake regatta on Saturday, 18-month-old Andrea Bowen has more fun playing with her dad's hat. There were record crowds at all events over the weekend because of the perfect weather.

Southern charm warm as Atlanta weather: Tashlin

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Lynn Tashlin got a taste of southern hospitality when she was in Atlanta, Georgia — and it came from a couple who have since moved to her home in Haliburton.

During the week she was in Atlanta to watch her daughter Lesley race in the 100m hurdles and the women's 4X100m relay, Mrs. Tashlin stayed with Bruce and Jo Anne Hardy. Bruce is the brother of author Lynn - Lynn Hopper nee of Haliburton.

"Unbelievable," Mrs. Tashlin says of the welcome she received. "I told them their hospitality was warmer than the Atlanta weather. It couldn't have been better."

The Hardys even went out of their way to find a Canadian flag to hang in Mrs. Tashlin's bedroom. "They wanted a little touch of home there, which I thought was an nice of them."

The link was made when Lynn and Lorne Hoppenyan read in The Echo that Mrs. Tashlin was planning to go to Atlanta for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. They contacted the Hardys, who live in nearby Woodstock, Ga., and an invitation was immediately sent out.

But with watching her daughter

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What a Wonderful Weekend!

It was the busiest weekend of the summer and The Echo was there. With all the special events and regattas, our staff was kept very busy over the Civic Weekend. The breaking photos pages are as follows:

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BED 4 BATH 4+1

KENNISIS LAKE

BED 2+2 BATH 3+1

HALIBURTON VILLAGE

BED 3 BATH 2+1

HWY 118, HALIBURTON

BED 3 BATH 2+1

KENNISIS LAKE

BED 4 BATH 3

GOODERHAM LAKE

BED 3+2 BATH 2

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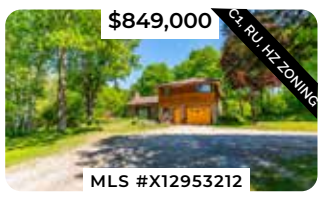

BED 3 BATH 2

BARNUM LAKE

BED 3 BATH 1+1

TALLAN LAKE

BED 2 BATH 1

KUSHOG LAKE

BED 3 BATH 1

LONG LAKE

BED 6 BATH 1+1

KENNISIS RIVER

BED 3 BATH 1

BIG BROTHER LAKE

BED 3 BATH 1+1

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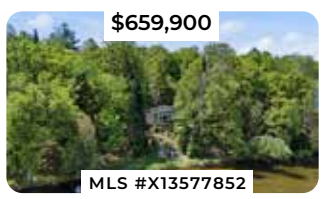

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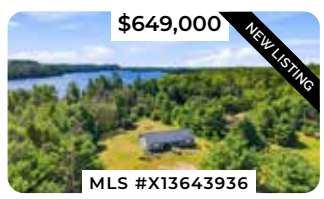

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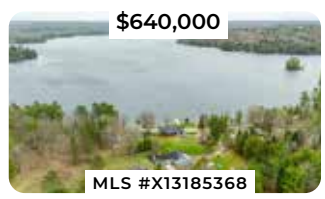

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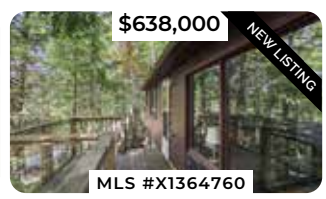

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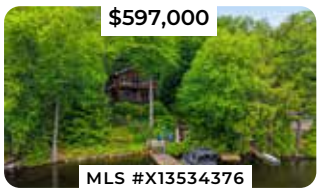


BED 3 BATH 2

WEST SETTLEMENT RD

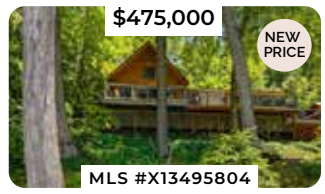
BED 2 BATH 1

SILVER BEACH

BED 2 BATH 2

KUSHOG LAKE, HWY 35

BED 3 BATH 2

ALLEN LAKE


BED 3 BATH 1

MONROCK LAKE

BED 3 BATH 1

ESSON LAKE

BED 2 BATH 1

COUNTY ROAD 503

BED 2 BATH 1

GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

BED 2 BATH 1

PROVIDENCE DR

BED 2 BATH 1+1

WENONA LAKE ROAD

BED 2 BATH 1

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